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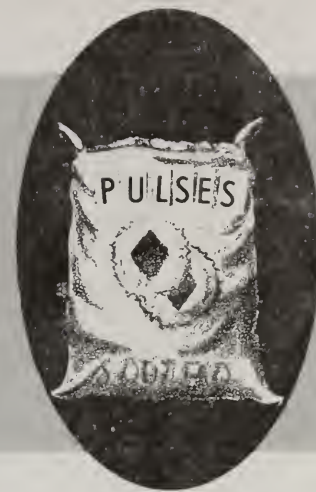
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## LENTIL PRODUCTION

### DOWN SLIGHTLY IN 1966

Lentil production in 18 reporting countries in 1966 calendar year is estimated at 19,823 thousand cwt. slightly less than in 1965 but 9 percent above the 1960-64 average.

Excluded from the estimate is unreported production in several African countries, East Europe and the USSR.

Major decreases occurred in Jordan, Morocco, and Syria; but, of the 18 reporting countries the 6 Asian countries still produced nearly 66 percent of the total output.

The United States is the largest lentil producer in the Western Hemisphere. Estimated 1966 production is 628 thousand cwt. compared with the 1960-64 average of 515 thousand cwt., and the 1955-59 average of 111 thousand cwt.

Chile, formerly the leading producer and exporter in the Americas reported a production of only 224 thousand cwt., down 25 percent from the previous year and 40 percent from the 1960-64 average.

LENTILS: Acreage, yield, and production in specified countries, average 1960-64, annual 1965 and 1966

Continent and country	Acreage		Yield per acre		Production	
	Average 1960-64	1965	Average 1960-64	1965	Average 1960-64	1965
	acres	acres	Pounds	Pounds	cwt.	cwt.
<b>Americas:</b>						
Argentina .....	32	41	600	886	195	364
Chile .....	82	83	463	359	377	298
Colombia .....	29	37	419	416	121	154
Mexico .....	13	15	754	785	95	118
United States .....	56	53	920	1,100	515	583
Total .....	212	229	615	662	1,303	1,517
<b>Europe:</b>						
France .....	30	33	680	987	203	322
Greece .....	41	31	622	729	253	228
Italy .....	52	44	598	623	312	277
Spain .....	110	124	577	391	638	485
Total .....	233	232	603	566	1,406	1,312
<b>Asia:</b>						
India .....	1,406	2,024	265	407	6,720	8,234
Jordan .....	62	96	358	672	222	642
Lebanon .....	2	2	1,408	1,365	23	29
Pakistan .....	379	328	507	490	1,922	1,608
Syria .....	178	229	651	632	1,157	1,448
Turkey .....	256	247	820	803	2,099	1,984
Total .....	2,283	2,926	532	477	12,143	13,945
<b>Africa:</b>						
Ethiopia .....	382	390	533	536	2,038	2,090
Morocco .....	66	75	429	554	285	415
United Arab Republic .....	80	92	1,325	1,462	1,059	1,345
Total .....	528	557	641	691	3,382	3,850
<b>Grand Total .....</b>	<b>3,256</b>	<b>3,944</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>18,234</b>	<b>20,624</b>

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